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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

EX PARTE NOTICE

Re: CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 99-200, 96-98, 99-68; WC Docket Nos. 05-337, 07-135, 10-90, 03-109, 06-122, 04-36; GN Docket No. 09-51.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 19, 2011, Melissa Newman and I met on behalf of CenturyLink with Margaret McCarthy, legal advisor to Commissioner Copps. We discussed the ABC Plan filed on July 29, 2011 in the above-captioned dockets,¹ and we encouraged the Commission to adopt an order implementing the ABC Plan and the Joint Rural Association proposal referenced in the joint letter filed with trade associations representing rural, rate-of-return carriers filed in the same dockets on the same day.² Specifically, we discussed: the consumer benefits of the proposal and the consumer protections associated with the increased pricing flexibility for subscriber line charges; the operation of the alternate technology cap; the capabilities and public policy benefits of the recommended speeds for the supported broadband network; the operation of the right-of-first-refusal to avoid stranding deployed broadband and telecommunications facilities deployed pursuant to carrier-of-last-resort obligations and existing universal service support; the legal analysis supporting the terminating rate of \$0.0007; and the operation of the proposed access replacement mechanism. The discussion was consistent with the text of the ABC Plan as filed.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this notice is being filed in the above-referenced dockets. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S Lanning

cc: Margaret McCarthy

¹ Letter from Robert W. Quinn, Jr., AT&T, Steve Davis, CenturyLink, Michael T. Skrivan, FairPoint, Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Frontier, Kathleen Grillo, Verizon, and Michael D. Rhoda, Windstream, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 99-200, 96-98, 99-68; WC Docket Nos. 05-337, 07-135, 10-90, 03-109, 06-122, 04-36; GN Docket No. 09-51 (filed July 29, 2011).

² Letter from Jonathan Banks, USTelecom, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, 99-200, 96-98, 99-68; WC Docket Nos. 05-337, 07-135, 10-90, 03-109, 06-122, 04-36; GN Docket No. 09-51, Attach. at 1 (filed July 29, 2011).